

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 7 and 11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-10 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. No new matter is presented.

This amendment is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which after final rejection permits entering the amendments, canceling claims, complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office Action, or presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The present amendment cancels rejected Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-10 and 12, thus placing the present application in condition for allowance. This amendment does not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present amendment be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Xu et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,909,690) in view of Khaleghi et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,975,609); Claims 2, 6, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Xu in view of Khaleghi and Peisa et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,850,540); and Claims 3, 7 and 11 are allowed.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, Claims 1-2, 4-5, 8-10 and 12 are canceled thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including Claims 3, 7 and 11, is in condition for formal allowance.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application including Claims 3, 7

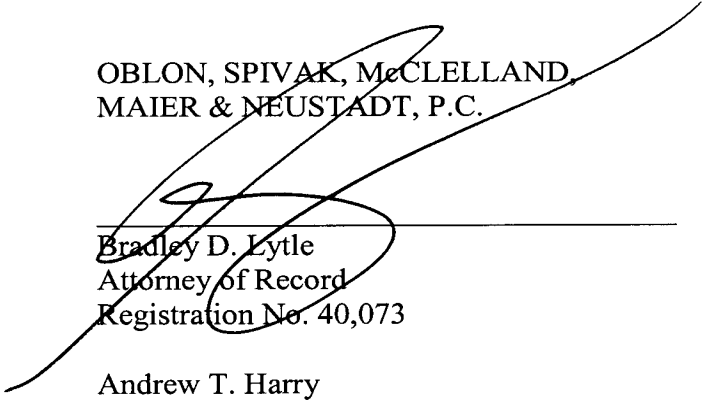
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and 11 is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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